

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 13, 2003

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, March 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

RECOGNITION - Madeleine Daniels and Eddie Maillett

PUBLIC HEARING - Malt & Vinous Liquor License
Thai Star 1 (Order #031)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed under this item will be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If a Councilor wishes to discuss one (or more) item(s), Councilor may ask to have the item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.

028 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held February 24, and March 3, 2003 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

029 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #8 for the month of February 2003 in the amount of \$17,435,096.65 (warrants 162 through 179 inclusive) be approved.

030 Manager (Department of Finance)
ORDERED, That the report regarding the City's financial position through February 2003 be presented and accepted upon presentation.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

027 Manager
BE IT ORDAINED, That an ordinance exemption for the State of Maine Department of Transportation Project known as the Western Avenue Pavement Reclamation be allowed under the Land Use Ordinance - Hours of Construction Activity - Section 5.1.15.1(1)(f). Said exemption to allow operation of construction equipment for 24 hours during the project, and for lane closures during construction.

NEW BUSINESSPART 1 - ORDERS

- 031 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the following application for Malt & Vinous
Liquor License be approved:

Chummathai Inc. d/b/a Thai Star 1, 75 Airport Drive, Augusta

- 032 Councilor Koski
RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta supports the recommendation
of the Maine Rail Passenger Corridor Committee regarding the
extension of rail passenger service from Portland to Bangor.

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has
adopted a Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan which does
not show a recommended rail passenger connection between
Portland and Bangor; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT has current plans to extend passenger rail
service from Portland to Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan
recommends rail passenger service between intermodel
facilities at Bangor and the area of Acadia National Park; and

WHEREAS, Portland, Maine is currently receiving Amtrak rail
passenger service; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan
designates Bangor as one of two passenger transportation
intermodel centers in Maine;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City
of Augusta that the City of Augusta hereby strongly supports
the recommendation of the Maine Rail Passenger Corridor
Committee exploring rail passenger opportunities for RTAC
Regions 3, 4, and 5; that the Maine Strategic Passenger
Transportation Plan and forthcoming MDOT transportation plans,
be updated to identify the Portland-Brunswick-Hallowell-
Augusta-Waterville-Newport-Bangor rail corridor as a future
passenger route linking southern and northern Maine, with
connections to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and that this
contiguous rail corridor and its related infrastructure be
preserved for future passenger and freight rail services; and

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the cities and communities within the Portland to Bangor rail corridor are encouraged to reserve locations accessible to the rail lines in this corridor for stations, parking and intermodel connections that will best serve the interest of these communities and their service regions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Frith
City Clerk